

**Board of Fire Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
October 20th, 2021  
*Filed subject to approval***

Attendance: D. Buchanan, D. Katz, J. Miranda, J Yeotsas, R. Cable  
Also in attendance: S. Waugh, P Neary, R. Klem

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:34pm. Commissioner Miranda moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Buchanan seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

The Fire Marshall gave his report (see attached).

The Fire Chief gave his report. There were 31 incidents in September and the department is on track for approximately 500 annual calls in 2021.

The Chief said a broker dealing with someone in in Africa might be interested in old engine 4 for \$15,000. The deal is still pending.

The 2021-2022 budget is in line with projections and there were no issues mentioned.

Covid-19 Relief Funds might be available to purchase helmets and turnout gear. Anticipated grant is approximately \$31,000. Air Packs may also qualify for Covid-19 grant and we are looking to cover all or most of the costs is about \$170,000. The Chief and R. Klem are meeting with the First Selectman to discuss on 10/21/2021.

The Trumbull FD trained at the EVFD field and the EVFD/EFD is doing some reciprocal training in Trumbull.

The dry hydrant maintenance plan RFP is out for the northern part of Town. Unfortunately, no one responded.

The new CPR Compression Devices is in, and the department has scheduled training.

Odyssey Reinsurance donated \$10,000 to help purchase a battery powered ram.

The Commissioners discussed the status of the low band radios used by the department. We are one of the few remaining departments in the area still using low band. Parts are limited or no longer made. It makes it difficult to communicate with the Easton EMS or Easton PD or other surrounding towns. The Commissioners encouraged Town to hire a consultant to research and make a recommendation on a new radio system that works with other town emergency departments and surrounding towns. In an emergency communication is critical and given the low band radios, could be at risk.

The EVFD is refurbishing the training field west of the Firehouse.

The Commission went into Executive Session at 8:14 pm. There were no actions voted on during the session. The Commission came out of Executive Session at 8:24 pm.

Commissioner Miranda moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm. It was seconded by Commissioner Cable. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Commissioner David Katz, Secretary

# **EASTON FIRE MARSHAL**

Monthly Report

September 2021

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Burning Permits: 6 Permits, 110 Permits completed, YTD

Public Education: Press Release Fire Prevention week

Participate in the Connecticut Fire Prevention Poster Recognition Program  
Staples 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Participation

Blasting Permits: Judd RD for a driveway

Fire Investigations: None

Fire Code: Silverman's Farm, Food Service Craig Dimond Catering  
Easton Country Day School  
Easton Speech Academy  
Helen Keller Middle School  
Samuel Staples Elementary School

Other: Fireworks Standby Permit, Easton EMS, Samuel Staples school 9/14  
Temporary Liquor Permit-Easton Town Party  
Underground Tank information request-939 Black Rock Rd

Respectively submitted:

*Peter G. Neary*

Peter G. Neary, Fire Marshal